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(10) G.O. No. 1599, Law (Education), dated 10th November 1921.

(11) „ „ 1101, Law (Education), dated 22nd September 1922.

The hon. Member is also referred to the answer to question No. 886.

(b) The suggestion will be considered.

Issue of stationery to departments.

872 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the issues of stationery to each of the various departments during the years 1913–14 1921–22, 1922–23?

A.—The Stationery Office deals with articles of over 500 different kinds and makes issues direct to nearly 1,000 different offices. Many of these offices serve two or more departments of Government. The Government do not consider that the enormous labour involved in compiling the statement asked for by the hon. Member would be justified by the result.

Assignment of lands to depressed classes.

873 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table statements, districtwar and talukwar, giving the extent of lands assigned to members of the Adi-Dravida and other depressed classes for cultivation and for house-sites respectively since 1st April 1922?

A.—A statement showing for each district the extent of land assigned to Adi-Dravidas and other members of depressed classes for cultivation from 1st April 1922 to 31st December 1922 is appended.* Details for each taluk are not available. Government have no information as to the extent of land granted for house-sites.

Rate of court-fees in Revenue courts.

874 Q.—Khan Sahib A. P. I. SAIYID IBRAHIM RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Revenue Courts are demanding the higher rate of court-fees at Rs. 11-4-0 per Rs. 100 for all suits for rent presented under the Madras Estates Land Act irrespective of the suit amounts;

(b) whether the Local Government have issued directions to that effect;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints, if any, from the ryots, landholders and the zamindars; and

(d) whether the Government propose to frame rules under the Estates Land Act regarding suits for rent under Act I of 1908?

A.—(a) The Government have no information but are inquiring.

(b) & (c) No.

(d) The Government will consider the suggestion on receipt of the information referred to in (a).

* Vide Appendix B on page 2242 infra.